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Concerning the opening of East Timor to outsiders

Carrascalao, the East Timorese governor, designated by Indonesians authorities, asked to the Indonesian government to open East Timor, so that the country can be developed.
Rudini, the internal minister of Indonesia, said that he was hoping that East Timor would be opened to outsiders in December, as a Christmas gift to the local people .
Alatas, the Indonesia Foreign minister, has repeatly said that East Timor has not been closed and that foreigners wishing to visit the province should take into account the inadequacy of transportation facilities.Alatas has said that the best way to travel there might be by using helicopters " but helicopters there are scarce " (Jakarta Post, 10.11.88).
Kharis Suhud, the Indonesia House of Representative speaker,suggested that Indonesia will not invite foreign journalists to visit East Timor mainly for financial reasons.The Indonesia government has invited foreign journalists to visit East Timor , but their reportage was focused mostly on negative aspects, said Mr. Nana Sutresna,Indonesia's permanent representative to the United Nations (Jakarta Post,22.11.88).
The military officers of Indonesia, said that if East Timor is open to foreigners, they would not take any responsability if anything harm happen to them .
A US Congressional delegation made a tour to the southeast Asia countries.They visited Philippines, Thailand, Singapure and Indonesia .In Jakarta, during a press conference, the US Republican Senator Arlen Specter of Pensylvania said : "It would be useful if there is more access by members of the foreign press to East Timor, so that there will be understanding on what's going on in the area " . Senator Specter said that he had conveyed the appeal on the broader access to the foreign press to East Timor, when he and his colleagues met with the House Speaker,Mr. Kharis Suhud.(Jakarta Post,22.11.88).
The Indonesia government announced recently that East Timor will be open up on 1rst January of 1989 .

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